Judge removes Ruby executor

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DALLAS (AP) — A lawyer was removed Tuesday as executor of Jack Ruby's estate, whose major asset is the .38-caliber Colt Cobra revolver the Dallas nightclub owner used to kill presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

A six-person jury ruled that Ruby's former attorney, Jules Mayer, grossly mismanaged the estate after Ruby died in 1967. Mr. Mayer still practices law at age 82.

Dallas County Probate Judge Robert E. Price must now decide how to distribute Ruby's assets. State law mandates that if he upholds the jury's decision, he must appoint a new executor. No hearing date was set.

Ruby's brother, Earl, filed the lawsuit, asking to be named executor of the estate. Ruby's heirs and Mr. Mayer have wrangled over the estate for 23 years.